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FOR VICE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY, DAVID BIEGING FROM
DEBORAH SALE

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TAGS: OVIP(MONDALE, WALTER F.), TH
SUBJECT: VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE

1. FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON PRINCESS
CHUMBHOT NA NAKHON SAWAN AND PRINCE SUPHATHARADIT
DITSAKUN. PRINCE SUPHATHARADIT WILL BE MRS. MONDALE'S
PERSONAL GUIDE AT SUAN PAKKARD PALACE.

2. PRINCESS CHUMBHOT - PRINCESS CHUMBHOT, THE ELDEST
CHILD OF PRINCE TRAI DOS PRABANH, WAS BORN MARCH 8,
1909. WHEN SHE WAS THREE YEARS OLD HER FATHER WAS
APPOINTED MINISTER AT THE THAI LEGATION IN WASHINGTON,
D.C. AND SHE WENT TO LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES. SHE
RETURNED TO THAILAND IN 1918 AFTER LIVING IN GERMANY
AND DENMARK. SHE WAS EDUCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
GENEVA AND THE UNIVERSITY OF LAUSANNE IN SWITZERLAND
AND WAS MAID OF HONOR THEIR MAJESTIES KING PRAJADHIPOK
AND QUEEN RAMBHAI BARNI. SHE MARRIED PRINCE CHUMBHOT
IN 1930 AND HAD A DAUGHTER, M.C. MARSI IN 1931. PRINCE
CHUMBHOT DIED IN 1959. PRINCESS CHUMBHOT IS CHAIRMAN
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OF THE ASIA TRUST BANG, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE THAI RED CROSS SOCIETY, MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL
AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES OF MUSEUMS, MEMBER OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THAILAND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION
MOVEMENT, PRESIDENT OF THE CHUMBHOT-PANTIP FOUNDATION
AND THE SILPA BHIRASRI ART CENTER FOUNDATION, AND
FOUNDER OF THE WANG TAKRAI BOTANICAL GARDENS AND

THE SUAN PAKKARD PALACE MUSEUM. SHE IS ACTIVE IN THE ARTS AND SPONSORS ONE-MAN ART SHOWS AT SUAN PAKKARD PALACE. HER HOBBIES ARE WATER-SKIING, HIKING, CAMPING, COOKING, AND COLLECTING "BAN CHIENG" POTTERY, ROCKS, MINERALS, SHELLS, AND PLANTS.

3. PRINCE SUPHATHARADIT - PRINCE SUPHATHARADIT, THE NEXT TO YOUNGEST SON OF PRINCE DAMRONG (A NOTED THAI HISTORIAN), WAS BORN NOVEMBER 23, 1923 AND WAS EDUCATED AT VAJIRAVUDH COLLEGE, CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY, ECOLE DE LOUVRE, PARIS, AND THE INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON. HE HAS BEEN LIBRARIAN IN THE DAMRONG RAJANUBAB LIBRARY (A PART OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY), CURATOR OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM, AND DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARCHAEOLOGY, SILPAKORN UNIVERSITY. HE IS CURRENTLY DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL, SILPAKORN UNIVERSITY. HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE "BAN CHIENG" POTTERY COMMITTEE AND IS STILL ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SUPERVISING EXCAVATIONS AND SURVERYS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES. HE IS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SIAH SOCIETY AND OF THE JIM THOMPSON FOUNDATION AND A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM COMMITTEE, THE UNESCO COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, AND THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF MUSEUMS. IN ADDITION TO "BAN CHIENG" POTTERY, HE HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY AND IN

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STATUES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH A KHMER INFLUENCE. HIS HOBBIES ARE READING, WRITING, AND SWIMMING. HE IS MARRIED, WITH FOUR CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH.

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